

## CRY FOR FREE WOOL

Rhode Island Democrats in Convention at Providence.

## THEY FAVOR SPRINGER'S BILL

State Officers Nominated for Spring Election—Free Coinage of Silver—Equal Value of Coined Dollars.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 3.—The democratic of Rhode Island met in the Music hall of this city this morning for the nomination of state officers for the election occurring the first Wednesday in April, and also for the selection of delegates to the national convention. The outcome of town and city caucuses promised a warm fight between two factions, one purporting to favor the choice of a delegation for Cleveland, and the other preferring the selection of a delegation to go unpledged. These differences, it was understood, extended to a contest over the choice of a state ticket, and an attempt to prevent the re-election of Samuel K. Honey, as national committeeman.

Chairman Owen of the state central committee, called the convention to order promptly at 11 o'clock. The Hon. Charles E. Gorman of Providence, was elected temporary chairman. His speech eulogized the administration of Cleveland and declared that his name would be burnt into the hearts of the people like those of Jefferson, Jackson and Lincoln. These sentiments were greeted with loud applause and a few hisses.

Congressman Page spoke during a contested delegation case. He declared that democrats were sound on Cleveland's tariff policy, and sound on the question of free silver; but the majority in congress might be counted upon to do nothing that would injure the party or its candidates in the approaching elections.

A resolution was presented by Samuel D. Honey and referred to the platform committee, instructing the delegates to the National Convention to vote for Cleveland. Two hours were spent in deciding a contested election case, and then the temporary organization was made permanent. The platform reported to the convention demands for raw materials. It approves the free wool bill and urges its early passage. It also favors the placing of iron, coal and timber on the free list.

Upon the coinage question it reads: "Every dollar of American money, whether of gold, silver or paper, ought to be of equal value the world over."

The repealing of the Sherman coinage act is favored because of its failure to accomplish results desired, and for a like reason free coinage of silver is opposed except upon international agreement.

The platform closes with Mr. Honey's resolution of instruction.

## OPTIONS ON THE DEAD.

A Graveyard Insurance Agent Comes to Grief.

LANSING, March 3.—Insurance and Real Estate Agent E. C. Kelley of this city was arrested here today and will be required to answer to the charge of soliciting life insurance for a company not authorized to do business in Michigan. The company is put down as one of the "graveyard" sort and is located at Syracuse, New York.

The complainant in the case is A. V. Edgerly of Okemos, who claims that there was a conspiracy on the part of Kelley and the wife of M. B. Sherman, who was a niece of Mrs. Edgerly, dying in September last, aged 80 years, by which a policy was issued upon Mrs. Edgerly's life, and at her death the parties above mentioned profited to the extent of \$1000. The facts were a recent revelation to Mr. Edgerly, and he is persuaded that the parties also hold an option on his own life, "taking off."

Kelley asserts that he had nothing to do with procuring the insurance, that it was issued when it was lawful for such companies to do business in Michigan, and that he bought a half interest in the policy of Mr. Sherman, who had paid assessments thereon to the amount of \$947 and that he, Kelley, paid one-half the above amount for the interest.

## COLLEGIANS IN CONGRESS.

Denominational Colleges Trying to Adopt a Standard.

LANSING, Mich., March 2.—There was a conference of representatives from the denominational colleges of the state here today, with a view of organizing upon some uniform standard for a course of study so that pupils in graduating from a lower to a higher institution can take up their work where it was left below, and do away with the freshman and other intermediate courses in each. Prof. King of Olivet college, was designated to read a paper at a future meeting, upon admissions to colleges, and President Root of Hope college, one upon the meaning of denominational college degrees. The following representatives were present: President Fiske of Albion college; President Scott of Hope; President Mosher of Hillsdale; President Bruns and Miss Cuddeback of the kindergarten department of Alma college, and Professor King of Olivet.

## THEY TRUST IN LUCK.

Two People Get Married on Short Acquaintance.

LANSING, March 2.—A marriage occurred here yesterday which had a tinge of sensation and romance. James R. Stevenson, a well-off farmer of Leche in this county, some time since opened correspondence through the agency of a matrimonial bureau with Miss Maggie B. Lewis of Racine, Wis., which resulted in her coming to this city on an evening train yesterday, when she met Mr. Stevenson for the first time with a marriage license in his inside pocket. After a somewhat superficial inspection of each other they were married by a justice and took a connecting train for his granger home, and will help to solve the problem whether or not "marriage is a failure."

## Supreme Court Cases.

LANSING, March 2.—Mandamus was denied in Carey vs. Laper circuit judge; Schenck vs. St. Clair probate judge; and granted in Ayers vs. Garretts, Wayne circuit judge. The writ was issued in the latter case to compel the respondent to deliver an injunction restraining Ayers from visiting his own

house where he had a private office and kept his books and papers during the pendency of divorce proceedings between himself and wife. In Lynburner vs. Supervisors of St. Clair county, motion to settle issue of fact for trial was denied. Cases heard: (102) arguments concluded; (42) Bostwick R. Noble et al. vs. Simon P. Murphy; (45) Delamater Brown vs. Levi Morrill and Jesse Morrill; (106) F. C. Wakeham by next friend vs. The Township of St. Clair; (47) Clark Z. Whitney et al. vs. Almond Hyde et al.; (75) Wm. Harris vs. H. M. Spencer et al., partially argued. Thursday's call, Nos. 118, 119, 120, 121, 125, 126, 127, 128, 132.

## Receipts of Specific Taxes.

LANSING, March 2.—The following amounts have been received by the state treasurer for specific taxes other than railroad companies during January and February: Fire insurance companies, \$117,530.66; life insurance companies, \$53,435.50; guarantee insurance companies, \$1,840.29; plate glass insurance companies, \$152.93; telegraph companies, \$10,464.52; express companies, \$2,475.24. This, so far as the insurance companies are concerned, is somewhat in excess of last year, and a weak attempt is made to turn this to democratic account as an increase of tax under the democratic administration. It cuts no political figure whatever. As well might the underwriters charge the excessive fire losses in Michigan and the actual loss in the business of underwriting in the state for the past year to the democratic administration.

## ALL CARS ARE RUNNING.

Receives Steels and the Strikers Possession.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 2.—Every street car in Indianapolis is running again and every strike is upon the receiver. Steele is in full possession and has returned the badges to the men, the withdrawal of which precipitated all the trouble. President Frenzel has been all day fighting in Judge Taylor's court to keep himself from being placed in jail for contempt. Those who brought the receivership proceedings say they did it as they understood the mayor had called out the artillery and they wanted to prevent bloodshed, which would inevitably have occurred.

Samuel W. Allerton, one of the directors of the Indianapolis street car line, received a dispatch to-day from President Frenzel stating that all the papers of that city, German and American, protested against the court's appointment of Steele as receiver for the road. Mrs. Allerton had not had any conferences with any of the directors and did not expect any.

## MAYOR GRANT WILL HELP.

Aid to Be Given the Destitute Liberian Colonists.

NEW YORK, March 2.—A committee representing the Afro-American relief committee consulted with Mayor Grant today relative to affording relief to the colored people who are stranded here after being forwarded by the Liberian Colonization society to be sent to Liberia. There are 300 men, women and children without food or clothing, except that supplied by charitable people who have become interested in their sad condition. Mayor Grant said that he would do what he could to see that the unfortunate people were cared for until they were forwarded to their destination, and steps will be taken to prevent the further shipment of any more destitute would-be Liberian colonists.

## EL TIEMPO OBJECTS.

Violent Outbreak Over the Offer to Return Mexico's Flags.

CITY OF MEXICO, March 2.—The Catholic organ of Mexico, El Tiempo, has opened a register for the purpose of collecting the names of all Mexicans who are opposed to accepting the return of the flags tendered by the United States. El Tiempo has been publishing a series of virulent articles on the subject, and claims the dignity of the nation was outraged by the offer. This paper has always been violent and abusive in the denunciation of everything American, being the leading church organ, it is evident that the articles in some manner reflect the sentiments of the Catholic church of Mexico toward the American people, whose future predominance as Protestants they already view with alarm and disfavor.

## Set the Verdict Aside.

COLUMBUS, Ind., March 2.—Judge Marshall heard the application of Lambert N. Goldsmith to have the verdict of the jury set aside in the case in which he was convicted of the murder of E. T. Skillman, and was sentenced to five years' imprisonment on the ground that eleven jurors could not constitutionally try a criminal case. The case was continued until May 10.

## Run Down by a Train.

JACKSONVILLE, Ill., March 2.—Last night John T. Henry of Woodson attempted to cross a railroad track in the east part of the city, when he was run down by a freight train and so badly injured that he died in a few hours. He was 55 years old. He was one of the first settlers of Morgan county.

## Crime of a Mother.

PERU, Ind., March 2.—Mrs. Amelia Adams was sentenced to the penitentiary for five years here today, having been convicted of aiding and abetting one John Cross in accomplishing the ruin of her own daughter, aged 14 years. Mrs. Adams is 30 years old, and the mother of several children. Cross was sentenced to twelve years.

## Polytechnic College at Huron.

HURON, S. D., March 2.—A. H. Melville, secretary of the Huron hotel company has leased the hotel building to Rev. William S. Post, D. D., assistant pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church of Chicago, for a polytechnic college. The case covers twenty years. The first term begins Sept. 14 next.

## Robbed a Detroit Man.

NEW YORK, March 2.—Frank Abbot, formerly a bell boy in the Holland house, who, with another bell boy, stole \$700 worth of jewelry from Clarence Knowles of Detroit, while a guest of the hotel February 17, was today sentenced to the Elmira reformatory during his minority.

## Nebraska's Anniversary.

LANSING, Neb., March 2.—Today was the silver anniversary of Nebraska. The state is twenty years old. The newspapers and citizens gave the matter attention, and in May an appropriate celebration will be held at Lincoln.

## GAVE UP THE FIGHT

Peter Maher Laid Low by the Doughty Australian.

## WON IN 12 BLOODY ROUNDS

Fitzsimmons Finishes Without Receiving a Mark—Wild Enthusiasm Among the Pugs in New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, March 2.—The Slavino-Choyakki bout is off, two local pugilists will be substituted to fill the program. Madden has kept Maher in the back ground and so far no one has been able to see him. There will be a contest between Alex. Gregrans of California and Charlie Mitchell of England, and probably another go between two other pugilists before the Fitzsimmons-Maher contest takes place. John Duffy has been selected as referee for the big fight.

The crowd now numbers fully 8,000. It is estimated that over \$100,000 will be wagered on the contest. Fitzsimmons is a prominent figure in the betting circles. Gregr also, at the last moment, refused to spar with Mitchell. Arthur Upham of New Orleans, will spar with him, and Felix Vaguelin of New Orleans, with Slavino; both bouts will be for points only. The betting on Fitzsimmons is 11 to 10, Maher, 4 to 5. Fitzsimmons will weigh 170, Maher 181. It has been arranged that Slavino and Mitchell will spar four rounds. The club packed to the limit of its capacity.

Mitchell and Upham sparred three rounds, ending in Mitchell's favor. Slavino and Vaguelin sparred three rounds, ending in Slavino's favor. Mitchell and Slavino have finished a bout of three rounds, ending with Maher about even.

George Clark, of Chicago, is timer for Fitzsimmons; P. J. O'Donoghue, New York, for Maher; and R. M. Frank for the club.

At 9:50 p. m. Maher and seconds entered the ring. They were greeted with great cheering. Maher's seconds were Gus Thill of New York, Billy Madison, Jack Fallon, and Jack Lambers. Fitzsimmons entered the ring amid tremendous cheering. His seconds were Jimmy Carroll, Joe Choyakki and Alex. Gregrahs, all of California.

In the first round Maher was aggressive. He lead and Fitzsimmons countered heavy on his ribs. Both displayed great science. Fitzsimmons knocked Maher down with a right hander in the jaw. Maher lunged and missed and Fitzsimmons hit him a stiff one. Maher lunged again and missed and Fitzsimmons hit him a heavy one in the mouth, drawing blood, and then Maher hit Fitzsimmons and staggered him. The calling of time saved him. There was terrible fighting and honors were about even. Second, Maher bleeding in the mouth; third, weaker, honors about even. Third, honors even. Fourth, Fitzsimmons had the best of it, also in the fifth. Sixth, slugging with honors even. Seventh, Fitzsimmons had the best of it. Eighth, Fitzsimmons had the best of it. Ninth, Maher weakly Fitzsimmons had the best of it. Tenth, both cautious, and on the defensive, honors even; eleventh, Fitzsimmons had the best of it; twelfth, Fitzsimmons had the best of it. In the thirteenth, Maher gave up the fight, badly punished and weak, and his seconds threw up the sponge. Fitzsimmons won in twelve rounds. After the fight Fitzsimmons walked over, kissed Maher and offered him a handkerchief. Fitzsimmons came out without a mark.

## SHOT HIS SON.

Fred Leaders Fatally Wounded by His Father.

CONSTANTINE, Mich., March 3.—Fred Leaders, a prominent merchant of White Pigeon, today quarreled with his son Fred. The young man having threatened to shoot his father with a rifle, inflicting a wound that will probably prove fatal. The father has not yet been arrested.

## No Free Lumber.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The convention of lumbermen, called to meet in Washington to protest against the passage of the hills pending before the ways and means committee placing lumber on the free list, assembled in this city today. H. M. Loud, of An Sable, Mich., was elected chairman, and A. A. Brown of Cincinnati, secretary of the convention. A committee of five was appointed by the presiding officer to wait upon the ways and means committee, and ask that a committee representing the convention be heard in opposition to the bills in question.

## Deceived by a Preacher.

MEWING, Ind., March 2.—Miss Elvora Nash, aged 19, today filed a charge of illegitimate parentage against the Rev. Amos Rabb, pastor of the colored Baptist church in this city, of which the girl is a member. She alleges that Rabb accomplished her ruin under promise of marriage last July, but in September the preacher was married to a Miss Glycer at Shelbyville. Rabb confessed and his congregation assisted him in fleeing from the city to escape the officers.

## Suicide of a Saleswoman.

CAIRO, Ill., March 2.—Another suicide occurred here this morning. Mrs. Joseph Schelle, a widow, 23 years old, took morphine last night and also gave a dose of the same poison to her daughter, 12 years old. The latter feeling the effect of the drug got up and going to the room of her aunt, Mrs. J. C. Clark, her condition was discovered and antidotes given. She will live. The mother was a saleswoman in a dry goods store and bore a good reputation.

## Burn's Patent Upheld.

NEW YORK, March 2.—Judge Shipman, in the United States court, today handed down a decision in the suit of the Brush Electric company against the United States Electric Lighting company. He upholds the patent of Charles F. Brush, obtained in 1875, for the double carbon lamp, and grants the complainant a perpetual injunction.

## Tammany's Fake Census.

NEW YORK, March 2.—The Tammany fake census enumerators, who for a week have been mounting everybody on Manhattan Island, including a couple of hundred thousand dead people, are now being sent to the penitentiary.

do business in New York but who live outside, have completed their work and are now filing their returns. The Tammany officials figure that they will show 1,800,000 residents in New York, and if they don't they will be made to do so. A year ago Tammany estimated that there were 1,800,000 residents of New York. Now, it is understood, Tammany wants 1,807,200 people counted and that's about the way the figures will read. Tammany experts are now doctoring them. About the real population of the city an official and reliable authority is about 1,500,000.

## AWFUL TRAGEDY IN TEXAS.

Four of a Family Found Weltering in Blood.

SHERMAN, Texas, March 2.—William Smith, his wife and two sons were found weltering in their blood yesterday morning, and a negro named Sam Marney has been arrested after a hot pursuit by excited men. Marney declares his innocence, but there is blood on his clothing. The crime was discovered by Smith's little daughter. She came back to her grandfather, greatly frightened, and cried out: "Papa and mamma and my two brothers have been killed." The old man hurried to his son's house, where a terrible sight confronted him. Lying in pools of blood on the floor were Smith and his wife. They were insensible. Near by was one of the little boys. He was terribly injured, but able to say: "Sam did it with a piece of iron." The other inmates of the house were also cut and bruised, and the walls were splashed with blood. None of the victims was able to tell the story of the crime. A lynching is probable.

## CRITICISED THE EMPEROR.

The Cologne Gazette to Be Prosecuted for Lèse-Majesty.

BERLIN, March 2.—It is announced that the Cologne Gazette is to be prosecuted for lèse-majesty, on the ground that it published recently an article commenting in a disloyal manner upon Emperor William's Brandenburg speech. This prosecution, should it be pushed, will attract the widest attention throughout Germany, and, indeed, throughout the world. There already people who openly condemn the emperor's determination to take his course, and who predict that he will not come out of the affair with flying colors. Others go further, and claim that this prosecution will tend to increase the feeling which is slowly but surely arising against the emperor, and that it may be looked upon as another of the bad breaks he has recently made.

## TIED OF LIFE.

S. K. Spafford of the Arlington Hotel Tries to Kill Himself.

Word was sent to police headquarters last night that S. K. Spafford, proprietor of the Arlington hotel, on South Lonia street, near Oakes street, was acting in a peculiar manner and threatening to take his own life. Patrolman Vm. Fisher was sent to watch him, with the result that he was brought to the station and locked up for safe keeping. Spafford, it was learned, had been despondent and melancholy for several days and had made various attempts to end his existence. Yesterday he constructed a scaffold in the cellar under his hotel, stood upon it, threw a rope over a beam, put a noose about his neck and was about to launch himself into eternity when he was discovered and prevented from doing so by his wife, who called for assistance. Later he procured a sharp knife and tried to draw it across his wrist-joint. He was only prevented by the interference of a stranger. In his cell he was moody and silent. He would give attention to nothing further than that he knew something which the officers did not, which gave him good reason for not wanting to live. He had a wife and several children at the hotel.

## GENEROUS EMPLOYERS.

No Cause for Dissatisfaction Among G. R. & L. Freight Clerks.

Further investigation into the rumored revolt in the G. R. & L. freight offices discloses very little dissatisfaction and no cause for any. It seems the clerks have always been allowed to quit work at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon if their books were in good condition; but during the recent run of work Mr. Leventhal divided them into four squads and one squad was asked to work full time every fourth week until their work was caught up. This furnished the basis for a few disgruntled ones who did not want to work full time to pour their tale of woe into the reporter's ear. The clerks do not have to work overtime, they are well paid, and their salaries do not stop in ordinary cases of sickness. Each clerk receives two week's vacation during the summer his salary continuing during that time.

## POISONED BY MISTAKE.

A Young Lady Swallows a Dose of Muratic Acid.

Mary Moore, a young lady living with her parents on Lonia street, near the corner of Hall, in a precarious condition from accidental poisoning, produced by swallowing muratic acid. The young woman has been in ill health for some time and was taking vinegar bitters. Yesterday morning she got a bottle which she supposed contained the medicine, for it bore the familiar label, and took a small swallow of the contents, which proved to be muratic acid. The acid had been put into an old bitters bottle and carelessly left near the bottle of medicine. She was taken violently sick and Dr. Gracwald was called to attend her. Antidotes were administered, and it was with considerable difficulty that the deadly effects of the poison were overcome. The patient was in a weakened condition last evening.

## WILL MAKE AN INSPECTION.

Patronage of Local Cigar Factories to Be Encouraged.

The executive committee of the improvement board and F. H. Gill of the cigar makers union will visit a few of the cigar factories today for the purpose of ascertaining their capacities and facilities for manufacturing. It is the wish of the manufacturers to extend their trade among the city dealers, and they desire to limit the influence of the board for the purpose. If the trade is increased it is argued the number of employees will be correspondingly increased and a general benefit would accrue.

## DEAD IN THE RIVER

A Bloating Corpse Proves to Be Missing Dr. Mitter.

## A CHICAGO MYSTERY SOLVED

He Went Out to Buy Christmas Presents and Suicided by Drowning—Identified by Papers in His Pocket.

CHICAGO, March 2.—The mystery surrounding the disappearance of Dr. Robert G. Mitter from his home, No. 12 West Thirteenth street, on the morning of December 21, 1891, was solved this morning. His body was found in the river, about one hundred feet west of the Twelfth street bridge, tightly wedged between the steam barge Rube Richards and her consort, the steamer May Richards.

The remains were scorched, and from the inside pocket was taken a package of prescriptions signed by Dr. R. G. Mitter. This in itself was sufficient identification. Then came the gold hunting-case watch with the monogram "R. M." and the plain round gold sleeve-buttons, inscribed with the letter "M," which had been described to the police. Another thing that seemed to make the identification positive was a rubber bandage on the right leg. This was also given as a clue by which to identify Dr. Mitter when search was first made for him. At the time of his disappearance he wore a black Prince Albert coat, lined with black silk, black-blue trousers, black overcoat with velvet collar.

The articles found on the body were the only means by which Dr. Mitter could be identified, however, as the body was bloated and distorted so badly that the face was not recognizable. There were several bad bruises on the forehead and cheek and over the eyes, indicating that he had been struck either by passing tugs or had been thrown violently against some piles in the river. The indentations on the head were not made by any sharp instrument, as the skin was not broken.

The theory of suicide, while temporarily insane was at once advanced and given credence, from the fact that all the money he had—\$18—altogether with all his other personal articles of value, were found on the body. The fact that he was carrying a rubber bandage on his leg, and the fact that he was carrying a package of prescriptions, were also taken into consideration.

Dr. Mitter left his home on the morning before last Christmas to go down town and buy presents for the little ones at home. He was 33 years old and unmarried, but the presents are for his brother's children. The presents were purchased, but the doctor failed to return home. His absence alarmed his family, and the matter was placed in the hands of Captain Bettner of the Maxwell street station, and though every effort was made to find the missing man, and many apparently promising clues were run down, the search was unsuccessful.

## DIVIDED THE PROFITS.

Banquet and Business Meeting of the Press Club.

Forty ladies and gentlemen attended the Press club supper last evening, many of whom attending the business meeting which followed. It was one of the liveliest and most interesting meetings the club ever held. J. W. Hadden reported a net profit of \$108.51 as the President's share from the course of lectures given in conjunction with the Ladies' literary club and the Press Kindergarten circle. Mr. Hadden also reported that arrangements had been made with the A. O. H. society for a lecture by the Rev. Fr. Nugent, on Columbus, to be given at Powers' opera house March 17, St. Patrick's day. Owing to the generosity of Mr. Garwood, the expenses attending the lecture will be very light.

## FINISHED THEIR WORK.

The State Printers Elect Officers—Next Meeting at Jackson.

The state printers' convention after a two-day session adjourned last evening. The purpose of the convention, the organization of a state typographical union, was satisfactorily accomplished. Among the reports of committee yesterday was one from the committee on memorials asking the international union to revise its constitution, making each state an organizing district. Under the present constitution each district extends over several states, and it is thought the territory is too extensive for one organizer to cover thoroughly and systematically.

## Two Alarms of Fire.

About 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon a barn in the rear of No. 373 North Lonia street was used to the ground by fire. It was owned by Henry Huber and valued at \$150. Small boys playing about the structure presumably set it afire. Shortly after 7 o'clock last evening the department was called to Mrs. R. S. Quimby's house, corner of Canal and Quimby streets on account of a burning chimney. No damage.

## Free Lecture.

The address of the Rev. J. B. Macsiah, the young colored abnegator who preached with such effect in Westminster Abbey, will be free on Friday evening in St. Mark's church, but a collection will be taken for the young man's work in Cairo, Ill. Bishop Gillespie will preside on Friday evening.

## Scolded His Friend.

Joseph Jaroski, an employe of Mack's factory on Pearl street, had his fingers and thumb of his right hand nearly cut off yesterday by a bad saw while he was at work. Dr. De Camp dressed the injured members Jaroski's home is at No. 49 West Broadway.

## Drury-Macrons.

On Wednesday March 2, 1892, at the residence of the bride's father No. 20 South Lafayette street, by Rev. John R. Ruth, Sarah Lillie, daughter of H. H. Drury, to Charles Edward Macrone "At Home" after March 15, at No. 3 Thomas street.

signed Tuesday in September, 1891. A vote of thanks was tendered to Typographical Union No. 69 and the committee on entertainment for the able manner in which the convention had been entertained, and a vote of thanks was also tendered the daily papers for the consideration and good will manifested for the delegates and the proceedings of the convention. The Chicago Typographical Union notified the convention through Harvey O. Carr, that after March 1 the Inter Ocean will abandon the use of the Mergenthaler typographical machines. Printers in smaller towns will be urged to take membership in the city union.

## G. R. & L. ANNUAL MEETING.

Reports of Business Transacted—Election of Officers.

The annual meeting of the directors of the Grand Rapids and Indiana road was held yesterday. Few of the board were present, most of the votes being deposited by proxy. The following directors were elected, the only change being J. M. P. Hughtart in place of the Hon. S. S. Cobb, deceased. W. O. Hughtart, Harvey J. Hollister, W. S. Shelby and J. H. P. Hughtart of this city; J. G. Wait of Sturgis; Chas. E. Spear, Wm. Thaw, Jr., Thos. D. Messer, James McGraw, and J. T. Brooks, Pittsburgh; F. R. Stockbridge, Kalamazoo; W. H. Barnes, Jno. S. Hutchison, Philadelphia. The new board of directors usually have a meeting after the election to organize, but some of the members are in the north or west and the meeting will be held later in the season.

The annual report of the road, as rendered by President Hughtart, shows that the company operates a total of 724.20 miles of road including leased lines, spurs, side tracks, etc., an increase of 12.81 miles over 1890. The gross earnings were \$3,076,685.91, a decrease from 1890 of \$215,193.62, but an increase over 1889 of \$134,229.47. The earnings from the ice traffic alone in 1890 were \$255,064.01. The net earnings were \$682,815.59, a decrease of \$204,358.16. The total expenses were \$2,393,870.32, a decrease of \$934.86. The ratio of expense to earnings were 71.31 per cent. The freight earnings show a decrease of \$258,261.06, and the passenger earnings an increase of \$48,861.92.

On the main line the gross earnings were \$2,400,415.79, and net earnings, \$600,251.13; a decrease in the latter of \$168,826.13. The freight earnings show a decrease of \$248,157.25, and of this \$222,406.91 is represented by the ice traffic, of which they had none last year. The passenger earnings increased \$55,215.77. The average rate of passenger fare was 2.32 cents per mile, and the cost was 1.85 cents. The express earnings for the year show an increase of \$165.18 over 1890; the telegraph earnings a decrease of \$148.87; the mail earnings were \$42,336.38, a decrease of \$45.69. The total expenses of operating the main line were \$1,710,165.66, the ratio of expense to earnings 71.38. By the malicious demolition of a train at Cooper several passengers were injured, costing the company \$17,077, besides the damage to property. New depots have been built and depot improvements have been made at Reed City, Mackinaw, Kalamazoo and other points, involving a heavy expense, but the expenses were 1890 were \$189,000 less than 1891. For maintenance of way \$288,689 was spent, including \$25,639.46 for the new iron bridge across Grand river in this city. The road now owns fifty-eight engines and six more are wanted to replace six that were condemned as unfit for longer service. Six excursion cars, one baggage and mail car and sixty-five freight cars were added to the rolling stock. The financial condition of the road shows the indebtedness to be \$5,375,000 7 per cent bonds due in '99, \$3,000,000 six per cent and \$4,336,000 five per cent, with a total interest of \$723,000. The seven per cent are being refunded at 4 per cent running fifty years, and already \$1,114,996 have been transferred and the new bonds are going at a premium. The land sales for the year were 2,413 acres. The proceeds were \$191,093.98 for the hardwood and pine and \$161,500 for the pine land. The sinking fund contains \$2,009,570.63.

In the report each branch and leased line is dealt with separately, showing earnings, etc. The freight earnings on the Traverse City branch were \$1,185.41 less than in '90, and the passenger earnings \$567.23 less. The total earnings were \$45,479, 10, a decrease of \$1,782.86. The net earnings \$8,17